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SUBJECT: KENYAN VIEWS ON SOUTH AFRICA

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1. DURING DISCUSSION OF PRESIDENT'S UN ADDRESS WITH CHIEF
OF MFA AFRICA DIVISION ADALA ON MARCH 28, ADALA ALLUDED
TO CURRENT SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON SOUTH AFRICA AND
POINTED TO PASSAGE IN PRESIDENT'S SPEECH ENDORSING MAJORITY
RULE THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS. HE NOTED THAT SOVIETS AND
CUBANS WERE BECOMING MORE ACTIVE IN COUNTRIES SURROUNDING
SOUTH AFRICA, AND THAT ONE COULD NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY
OF FURTHER UPSURGE OF INTERNAL VIOLENCE BY SOUTH AFRICA'S
BLACK POPULATION. THUS, IN HIS VIEW, THE PROSPECTS FOR
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CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS WERE
UNCERTAIN.

2. WHILE NOT QUESTIONING SINCERITY OF U.S. DESIRE FOR
MAJORITY RULE, ADALA SAID KENYA AND OTHER AFRICANS WOULD
REGARD U.S. COMMITMENT AS STRONGER IF WE WOULD AGREE TO
A TIMETABLE FOR ACHIEVING MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THIS WOULD ENHANCE POSSIBILITY FOR USING PEACEFUL MEANS, RATHER THAN RESORTING TO VIOLENCE. ADALA INDICATED THAT LENGTH OF TIME COULD BE QUITE LONG--A MATTER OF YEARS, PERHAPS. WHAT MATTERED WAS SETTING THE GOAL AND FIXING A TARGET DATE, WHICH COULD BE DONE AT THE UN.

3. COMMENT: ADALA IS QUITE INFLUENTIAL IN ELABORATING KENYA'S POLICIES TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA AND FOREGOING CONVERSATION WAS HELD AT HIS INITIATIVE. AT THIS POINT HIS SUGGESTION MUST BE REGARDED AS PERSONAL VIEW OF WORKING-LEVEL OFFICIAL, BUT IT MAY BECOME KENYAN POLICY. WE RESPOND TO IDEA OF TIMETABLE BY POINTING OUT THAT IT IS MORE DIFFICULT TO ADOPT TIMETABLE IN AN INTERNATIONAL BODY FOR INTERNAL REFORMS THAN TO SET A DATE FOR INDEPENDENCE OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES. ADALA AGREED, BUT STUCK TO HIS GUNS.
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